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Senate Enrolled Act

No. 345

IC 36-8-16.7

Statewide 9-1-1

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### Revenue loss

- Wireless technology has replaced traditional telephone service.
- -14% per year
- AIC estimates that Indiana counties have lost approximately \$ 5 million over the last five or six years.
- Indiana needed a change in funding options.
  - Technology fee; LOIT; property tax; other

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## Questions during the session

- How much does it cost to operate 9-1-1?
- What funds are counties using today?
- What should eligible expenses include?
- Who is responsible for operating and funding the PSAP and dispatch services in a county?
- What role should a new 9-1-1 board play in a locally controlled public safety agency?

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## Today's funding model

- Wire line & VOIP
  - County government establishes monthly rate
  - Communication Service Providers (CSP) remit the fee directly to the county auditor.
  - Counties adhere to the list of eligible expenses as defined in IC 36-8-16.
  - Fund is audited each year by SBOA.

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- Wireless
  - State adopted a single 9-1-1 fee \$ .50 cents.
  - Wireless providers remit the fee to the State Treasurer's office.
  - Wireless Board pays for the operation, maintenance and upgrade of the wireless network.
  - Distribute funding to the counties each month based upon population and fair share.

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- Prepaid cards and devices
  - State adopted a single fee \$ .25 cents per transaction.
  - Fee is collected by the retailer.
  - Retailer remits the fee to the DOR which is then swept over to the TOS office.
  - Distributed to counties with the wireless fee.
  - Counties adhere to a different list of eligible expenses for wireless revenue.

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## Establishing the New Fund

- Statutory fund Number 1222
- Title: Statewide 9-1-1
- Fund Type: 02 – Special Revenue
- Assign the appropriate department code for your county.
- Function: Public Safety

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## June 30 vs July 1

- Transfer fund balances from wire line and wireless to new Statewide 9-1-1 fund at county level.
- Reduce your budgets for both funds
- Appropriate budget from the new Statewide fund.

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## SEA 345

- Creates a single statewide fee of \$ .90 cents for land line, VOIP and wireless devices
  - Prepaid increases to \$ .50 cents
- Creates a single point of collection
- Collects from all technologies
- Stabilizes revenue in the short term
- Creates a single county 9-1-1 fund

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## SEA 345 continued

- Creates a single list of eligible expenses
- Adds reviews, audits and reporting requirements
- Requires PSAPs to submit call data statistics

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## Distributions

- Hold Harmless
  - 3 year average FY 09 10 11
- New Revenue Distribution
  - Population 90%
  - Equal share 10%

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## Eligible Expenses

- The lease, purchase or maintenance of communications service equipment.
- Necessary system hardware, software and database equipment.
- Personnel expenses, including wages, benefits, training and continuing education, only to the extent reasonable and necessary for the provision and maintenance of:
  - The statewide 9-1-1 system; or
  - The wire line enhanced emergency telephone system.

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## Eligible expenses continued

- Operational costs, utilities, maintenance and back up power equipment
- Call logging equipment
- An emergency telephone system that is approved by the statewide board.
- IDACs connection

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## Eligible Expenses continued

- Mobile Radio Equipment for first responders
- 50% of expense related to narrow banding requirements
- Rates associated with communication service providers network system.
- \*Bond obligations

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## Prohibited Expenses

- Bricks and mortar
- Vehicles

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## Ineligible expenses

- Report by SBOA or any other report.
  - Staff verifies that the expense was ineligible
- Board requires the county to reimburse the local 9-1-1 fund the amount equal to the ineligible expense from any other fund available to the county

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Richard Mourdock,  
Treasurer  
State of Indiana

Serves as Chairman  
of  
Indiana Wireless  
E9-1-1 Board




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## Statewide 9-1-1 Board

- 3 PSAP members      Indiana Association of County Commissioners
- State Fire Marshall      Indiana Association of Cities and Towns
- IN Sheriff's Association      2 IN Telecommunications Assoc.
- ISP Superintendent      CMRS (wireless) provider
- VOIP

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## Responsibilities

- Continue operation of the wireless network.
- Collect and distribute all 9-1-1 revenue
- Call data statistics
- Grant Administration

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## Audit and Reviews

- Increased oversight and reporting
  - State Board of Accounts
  - State Budget Committee
  - State Budget Agency
  - Legislative Council
  - General Assembly
  - Indiana Advisory Committee on Intergovernmental Relations

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## Annual Report

- No later than January 31<sup>st</sup> of each year county auditors shall file a report with the Statewide 9-1-1 office a list of expenditures made in the previous calendar year for the operation of the PSAP.
- This includes expenditures from all funding sources.

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## Consolidation

- December 31, 2014
  - No more than 2 PSAPs in each county
    - Exceptions
- Penalty: Any county who does not consolidate under this chapter may not receive a distribution from the fund.

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